

Remission of land tax in Nedumangad.

171. *MR. M. RAMAIAH PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was extensive failure of paddy and other crops in Nedumangad taluk in 1112; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered the need for adequate remission of land tax so as to afford relief to the ryots of the taluk?

MR. K. GEORGE: (a) No. But it is reported that the yield in some areas was poor.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer given above.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*): May I know why no action was taken with regard to lands from which the yield was reported to be poor?

MR. K. GEORGE: No action was taken because there are ever so many tracts in Trivandrum where the yield is sometimes poor.

Entertainment of non-Travancoreans as Supervisors.

172. *MR. P. J. SEBASTIAN (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number and names of non-Travancorean Supervisors who were entertained in the years 1111, 1112 and 1113 in the Water Works?

MR. S. SETHA AIYAR: A statement showing the number and names of non-Travancorean Temporary Supervisors entertained in the Water Works and Drainage Department in the years 1111, 1112 and 1113 is placed on the table.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know why non-Travancoreans were appointed as Supervisors? Was it because there were no Travancoreans eligible for the post?

MR. S. SETHA AIYAR: It was because that no Travancoreans were available.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether any of these has been appointed on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. S. SETHA AIYAR: I claim notice.

Teachers from the Varnava Community in the Education Department.

173. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of men and women teachers from the Varnava Community (Pathiyan, Mannan or Vannan, Chayakkaran or Pandi Vannan, Ettali, Purathon, Paravan, Neryan and Velan) in the Education Department at present; and

(b) the number of permanent and acting hands among them?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: (a) 9 men teachers.

4 women teachers.

(b) Permanent

Acting

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*Vide Appendix IV.